

REMARKS

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, the specification and claims 11 and 12 are objected to for minor informalities. Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) on the basis of Kurby (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,125) ("Kurby") and Garin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,671,620) ("Garin"). Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) given Krasner (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,336) ("Krasner") in view of Gaal (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0072378) ("Gaal"). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) given Kurby, Garin, or Krasner and Gaal in view of Burns et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,694) ("Burns"), Zakharov et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,711,572) ("Zakharov"), and Faulkner (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,427) ("Faulkner"). Claim 5 is objected to as depending upon rejected base claim 1 but is otherwise found to be allowable and claims 7-20 have been indicated as allowable subject matter. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication of the allowable subject matter.

The specification is objected to for containing embedded hyperlinks. In response, Applicants amended the specification to correct the minor informalities indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claims 11 and 12 are objected to for minor informalities. In response, Applicants cancelled claim 11 and amended claim 12 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 11 and 12 be withdrawn.

In light of the indicated allowable subject matter and to expedite prosecution, Applicants amended independent claim 1 to include the indicated allowable features of cancelled claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 may be passed to allowance.

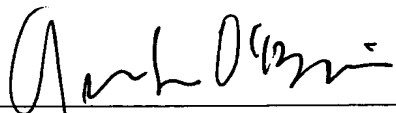
Claims 2-4 and 6 are ultimately dependent upon independent claim 1, which now includes the indicated allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 5. Moreover, these dependent claims introduce additional content that, particularly when considered in context with claim 1 from which they depend, comprises additional incremental patentable subject matter. Nonetheless, Applicants reserve the right to present further arguments in the future with regard to the dependent claims in the

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event that their corresponding independent claim 1 is found to be unpatentable. For all these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4 and 6 may be passed to allowance.

There being no other objections to or rejections of the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 and 13-16 may be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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